

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 4-20, and 22-23 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 18, 22, and 23 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 21, and 24-27 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments. Claims 1, 22, and 23 have been amended to remove non-elected subject matter. Claims 11 and 18 have been amended to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 18 because of an informality where a symbol replaced a comma. Claim 18 has been amended to correct this issue in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants respectfully request removal of the outstanding objection in view of this amendment.

The Examiner has also objected to claims 1-23 as containing non-elected subject matter. Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, 21, and 24-27 and amended claims 1, 22, and 23 in order to remove all non-elected subject matter from the claims. As such, Applicants respectfully request removal of the outstanding objection in view of these amendments.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 3, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, these claims recite the limitation "the symbols" without proper antecedent basis. Claims 2, 3, and 21 have been cancelled herein, which renders the rejection as to these claims moot. With respect to claim 22, Applicants have

amended the claim to correct this issue in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The Examiner is thus requested to withdraw this rejection.


In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad M. Rink, Reg. No. 58,258 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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